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Pastoral Letter

Dear Friends,

In the Christian song "Light of the World" Tim Hughes wrote these lyrics:

Light of the world you stepped down into darkness

Opened my eyes let me see

Beauty that makes this heart adore You

Hope of a life spent with You

and I'm reminded at this time of the winter season how much darkness seems to be enveloping our lives. We are surrounded by death and destruction. The world is not at peace. The way of living is a tangled web. People are struggling with the cost of living crisis, rising fuel costs, delayed hospital appointments, uncertainty within the job market and the list continues.

We can all agree that Winter has certainly arrived which brings short days and longer nights. It is a time for hibernation, a time to slow down, to rest, to recover and to find a safe haven amidst the storms that we are facing or even bracing ourselves for.

For the Manse family It is a season of home-made soup, hot chocolate, hot water bottles, candles and fleecy throws. It is a period of reflection as a minister of what has been and has yet to be. It is a time to reconnect with God, to listen, to pray, to be still and be open to God's call.

I recognise that dark times face us all today, and even darker times face the world tomorrow but there is also light that breaks up that darkness, albeit for a brief moment. I truly believe that no matter what we are facing, Jesus's light will be there to shine life through all the desolation.

A light that will one day give life to a "new heaven and a new earth"- (Rev 21:1).

A world in which every tear shall be wiped from our eyes - (Rev 21:4).

*A world where no darkness will be left to challenge our Light when he proclaims,
"Behold, I make all things new" - (Rev 21:5)*

We can be assured because of our faith, God is with us in whatever we face, in the turmoil and struggles, amidst the anxious thoughts and the worries of life. God is there, strengthening, helping, and God's hands hold us in these moments. God is greater. God gives us the power to live courageously, boldly, fearlessly in this life, when many things that surround us would tell us to be afraid. God's truth whispers strong and sure to the deepest core of our spirits.

As Christians, we can say to the world that we are not afraid of the darkness that often shrouds our world rather we can express a confidence we have in Christ who is the light of the world.

As scripture says:

The light shines in the darkness and the darkness did not overcome it (John 1:4)

Blessings
Rev Fiona

Reverend Fiona McKibbin

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Magazine to the editor by

Thursday 24th Nov. 2022

Available

Sunday 4th December 2022

We are always happy to receive articles for inclusion in your magazine.

Submissions can be sent direct to the editors or by e-mail

magazine@uddingstonold.org

or

on paper.

Church Roll Intimations

Deaths

At this sad time our prayers and condolences are with the family of

Mrs Jemima Hogg (Mima)

Date of Death: 5th October 2022

Stay connected with the
Uddingston Old Parish Church
and

Rev Fiona McKibbin

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Monday Club

The Monday Club is going strong and here is the programme arranged for the end of 2022 and the start of 2023. All are welcome.

November

- 7th Games 
- 14th Christeen MacMurdie entertains
- 21st Quiz 
- 28th Singalong

December

- 5th Christmas Lunch
- 12th Uddingston Grammar School Entertains

January

- 9th Christeen MacMurdie entertains
- 16th Games 
- 23rd Burns Supper 
- 30th Concert Party

February

- 6th Games 
- 13th Valentine Tea Dance

Door Duty Roster

Morning Service at 11am
Front Door teams for the next month:

November

6th	Team 9	Edna Hume
13th	Team 10	Colin Pettigrew
20th	Team 1	Margaret Abercrombie
27th	Team 2	Mary Fox

December

4th	Team 3	Helen Cuthbert
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If you are in one of the above teams, please bear in mind that you should try to arrange for a substitute if you can't make it.

The Guild

The Guild began the new session on Tuesday 4th October at 2pm with a 'Welcome Back' Afternoon Tea, which was well received and appreciated.

On Tuesday 18th October Rev Fiona spoke on our theme for the coming session 'Wee Seeds, Big Trees' and challenged our brains with her quizzes on seeds and trees and focused our thoughts on the way forward.

15th November Ruth Box will tell us about the Guild Project 'Chocolate Heaven'

29th November we welcome back Liz McIntyre Allen with her talk 'Franklin's Legs'

On December 6th Elspeth Garss will lead us in "A Christmas Celebration"

Parish Funerals

At this sad time our prayers and condolences are with the families of

Mrs Annette Currie Walker McGowan

Date of Death: 27th September 2022
and

Mrs May Wright

Date of Death: 30th October 2022
and

Mr Robert Curry

Date of Death: 30th October 2022

Please come along and support

**The Guild Coffee Morning 10am - 12 noon
on
Saturday 19th November**

Donations of baking will be gladly received

"Life And Work Magazine 2023 "

Can I ask for the names of anyone wishing to be added to the list of those receiving a monthly copy of the Life and Work magazine next year starting in February 2023 through to January 2024 alternatively, if you wish to be removed from the existing list of present recipients, then can you also let me know. In either case this should be as soon as possible, but certainly no later than Friday 11th November 2022. If you do not contact me by then, it will be assumed that you will want to continue your delivery of the magazine as normal, and payment will become due as I cannot return the magazines once ordered.

After holding the cost for a couple of years, we have been told that the cost per magazine has been increased to £3.50, which equates to £42 per annum. The money for the next year will be collected in February 2023, and there will be a small brown envelope attached to the magazine that month. This will confirm the amount for payment. If you put your payment in the envelope, then put the envelope into the collection on a Sunday, I will receive these each week and record those who have paid.

Over the last few years, due to the Covid scenario, I have personally delivered the magazines every 2 months, and hope that has not been an inconvenience for you. However, it is my intention going forward, that we can return to the delivery of the Church Magazine and the Life and Work to your home monthly.

I would like to thank everyone for their prompt payments this year as it does make things easier from my perspective. If you have any queries whatsoever, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Ken Storrer on 01698 816355

(and leave a message if I do not pick up, but remember to leave your name and contact number), or speak to me at the church, or leave a note in the pigeonhole in the vestry corridor.

Church Gardens October 2022

Winter has arrived and the garden work is slowing down. It's time to rest the garden until it springs into life again. However our work is far from finished as it's time to help the wildlife prepare for a long cold, probably wet winter.

The SSPCA and wildlife rescue centres are busy every winter and spring with hedgehog care. Hedgehogs can become unwell very quickly so we are challenging everyone to become ' A Hedgehog Helper ' with a few simple but life saving steps. (Please see Church Garden Blog on the church website for tips)

To give you some inspiration we have created a rather plush hedgehog hotel in the church wildlife garden which we hope will soon attract some prickly guests .. so 🍷🍷🍷



November
HELLO

Hope springs eternal in the human breast

Ancient Maxim

Hope is the virtue by which we trust and maintain a confidence in God's promises. Hope is closely interwoven with faith and charity.

Hope gives promise of a future blessing. To possess hope is to have confidence and to maintain a trust. It is that inherent quality which sustains an individual while patiently anticipating a favourable outcome.

Helen Steiner Rice lived a life filled with optimism. She learned and passed along to others the merit of maintaining a positive attitude. Many of her poems convey the value of remaining hopeful, rather than becoming discouraged, depressed, or downhearted.

One of her favourite sayings was "Let go and let God!" This expression puts into capsulated form the directions for increasing hope in one's life.

Virginia J. Ruehlmann.

The Seasons of the Soul

Why am I cast down and despondent and sad
When I long to be happy and joyous and glad?
I ask myself often what makes life this way —
Why is the song silenced in the heart today?
And then with God's help it all becomes clear —
The soul has its seasons just the same as the year.
I too must pass through life's autumn of dying,
A desolate period of heart-hurt and crying,
Followed by winter, in whose frostbitten hand
My heart is as frozen as the snow - covered land.

Yes, man too must pass through the seasons God sends,
Content in the knowledge that everything ends.....
And oh, what a blessing to know there are reasons
And to find that the soul too must have its seasons —
Bounteous seasons and barren ones too,
Times for rejoicing and times to be blue —
And to meet these seasons of dark desolation
With strength that is born of anticipation
That comes from knowing the autumn sadness
Will surely be followed by a springtime of gladness.

Helen Steiner Rice

Hope is outreaching desire with expectancy of good.

Edward S. Ames



CHRISTMAS GIFT SERVICE 2022

This year through our Gift Service we are supporting CORSEFORD SCHOOL in Johnstone. This is a specialist school that provides care and education for children and young people from Primary 1 to Senior 6 who have complex additional support needs.



The staff are already delighted that in such difficult times we are thinking of them with our gifts.

The school are putting on an "EXTRAVAGANT CHRISTMAS SHOW" towards which any financial gift would go.

The young people through their music education fully immerse themselves in all aspects of the stage and music production.

The gift service will be **Sunday 18th December** and I thank you all in advance for taking the time to remember these children and support their education.

Be your gift large or small they are all equally important.



1. Craft materials of all types.
2. Vouchers e.g. Asda, Tesco, Boots.
3. Educational toys.
4. Musical equipment.
5. Books and puzzles.

Thank you. Grace McKirdy 07808 879691

Poppy, poppy what do you say?
Wear me on Remembrance Day.

Poppy, poppy what do you tell?
Many soldiers in battle fell.

Poppy, poppy what should we know?
That peace on earth should
Grow, grow, grow!

